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LETTERS

Over the past decade I've had to develop a thicker-than-average hide to deflect fanciful charges. Even so, your photo caption, remarking that I "helped to drag the agency" into Watergate, astonished me. After all, it was President Nixon who sought assistance from the then CIA Director Helms and Deputy Director Walters, not your humble servant. And James McCord's sibylline letters to CIA shook Nixon's conspiratorial edifice and precipitated his downfall. Further "help," had it been forthcoming, would have been entirely superfluous.

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I was disgusted to read that the CIA is working with China to supply arms to Pol Pot, whose regime was directly responsible for the slaughter of some 3 million Cambodian intelligentsia in the '70s—yet another crime overlooked by the United States in order to support anti-Soviet proxies.

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First Somoza's goons are rechristened "freedom fighters" and now CIA agents are "secret warriors." I could no more call these fellows "warriors" than I could call the KGB "angels."

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The CIA's secret wars are a dangerous throwback to the bankrupt policies of the cold war. As Spinoza warned us more than 300 years ago, "They who can treat secretly of the affairs of a nation have it absolutely

under their authority; and as they plot against the enemy in time of war, so do they against the citizens in time of peace."

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